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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
2. Form PTO-1449 listing three documents (AR1-AT1);
3. Copies of the three documents as cited on Form PTO-1449; and
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Respectfully submitted,

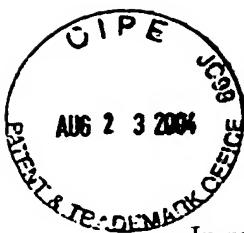
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